



ROBERT G. McSWAIN, M.P.A.

Deputy Director

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Robert G. McSwain, a member of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, became the Deputy Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) in February 2005. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal Federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS is composed of 12 Area (Regional) Offices.

As the Deputy Director of the IHS, Mr. McSwain shares responsibility with the Director for the total management of a \$3.8 billion national health care delivery program responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community care for approximately 1.8 million of the nation's estimated 3.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. This also includes the setting of overall agency priorities, policies, and strategic direction. Mr. McSwain provides significant input in managing the formulation, presentation, justification, and execution of the agency budget. His participation influences program and resource allocation decisions that impact the total Agency budget. Mr. McSwain is responsible for the development and justifications for testimony presented to Congressional appropriation and legislative committees. Along with the Director, he is a principal witness before such committees. Mr. McSwain also supervises the 12 IHS Area Directors.

Mr. McSwain began his career with the Indian Health Service in 1976 as Director for the IHS California Area Office. In 1984 Mr. McSwain was named Special Assistant to the Director, IHS, and assigned to long-term training at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. In 1986, he was transferred to the IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, where he held positions of increasing responsibility and diversity, including: Director of the Division of Health Manpower and Training for the Office of Health Programs, Deputy Associate Director for the Office of Administration and Management, and Management Analysis Officer for the Office of the Director. From 1992 to 1997 he served as the Acting Associate Director for the Office of Human Resources. Mr. McSwain was selected as the Director of the Office of Management Support in March 1997. From August 2004 until January 2005, he served as the Acting Deputy Director for Management Operations.

After receiving an associate of science degree in accounting from Fresno City College in Fresno, California, Mr. McSwain obtained a bachelor of science degree in business administration (economics minor) from California State University - Fresno in 1969. In 1986 he earned a masters degree in public administration (health services administration concentration) and pursued doctoral studies in public administration from the University of Southern California - Los Angeles.